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RIGHT ABOUT
NOW...

....STARVING OR
FREEZING TO
DEATH IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
ANTARCTIC IS
LOOKING BETTER
AND BETTER!

From "The Man" Lee
Proudly Presents
WIZARD
SPECTACULAR EVENT!
AN UNTOLD TALE
OF THE X-MEN!
GAMBIT in

BETWEEN DAZE

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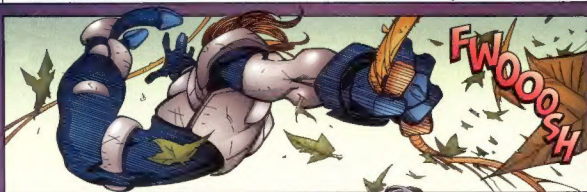
WACHOOM!

FOR THREE DAYS, THE X-MEN LOOKED FOR HIM.

HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE FOUND.

FEELING ANGER TOWARDS HIS FRIENDS AND OVERWHELMED BY SELF-DOUBT, HE REFUSED TO DROWN IN THE CONFLICTING TIDAL POOL OF EMOTIONS.

AFTER THEY LEFT, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY HE CAME UP FOR AIR.

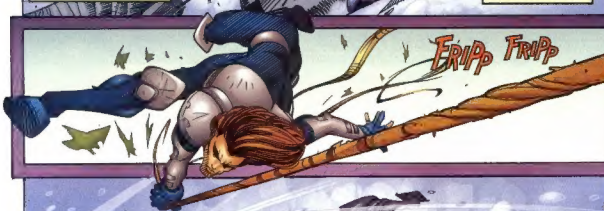


HE SURVIVED FOR WEEKS. SCROUNGED ERGS OF ENERGY FROM ANY AVAILABLE SOURCE HE COULD FIND.

VERY LITTLE FOOD, BUT INSTEAD OF THINKING HE WAS STARVING, HE JOKINGLY MADE A PLUS OUT OF IT; HE WAS DIETING.

WHEN HE HAD VIRTUALLY LOST ALL POWER AND HOPE, HE GOT SOME UNEXPECTED HELP--

--SOMETHING THAT REPLENISHED HIM, KEPT HIM ALIVE.



IT WAS ENOUGH TO DRIVE HIM FORWARD, KNOWING HE WOULD EVENTUALLY DIE IF HE STAYED AT THE BASE ANY LONGER--

--REMY DECIDED HE'D RATHER DIE TRYING TO LIVE.

FWOOOSH



ALL HE REMEMBERS IS
A FACE FULL OF SNOW,
AND THE COLD.

NEXT THING
HE KNOWS,
HE'S LOOKING
AT THREE
DUDES OUT
OF A HELMUT
NEWTON
CALENDAR.

THEY SAID THEY
WORKED FOR
THE MAN WHO
RESCUED HIM.

THIS MYSTERI-
OUS, UNSEEN
BENEFACTOR
WAS CALLED
THE NEW SON.

FRUSH
FRUSH
FRUSH



THE NEW SON HAD A
REQUEST OF HIM...

...IN RETURN FOR
SAVING HIS LIFE,
WOULD GAMBIT
ASSIST IN...
OBTAINING...
SOMETHING OF
INTEREST TO
THE NEW SON?

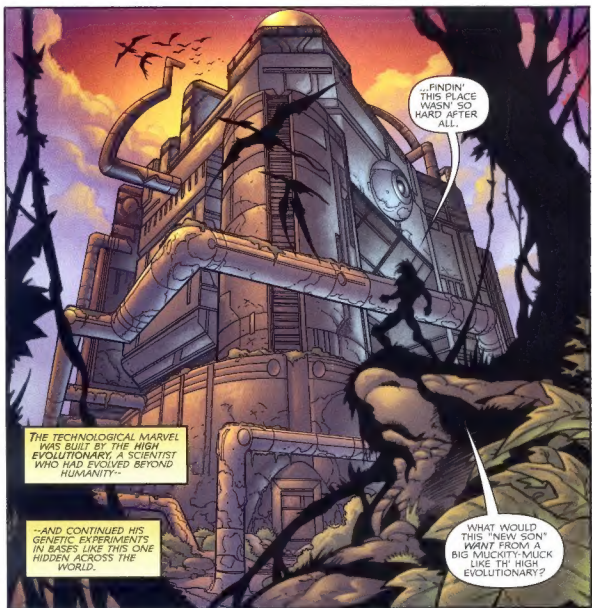
SOME WOULD CALL
IT A FAVOR, OTHERS
BLACKMAIL.

AND WHAT A
COINCIDENCE,
THE SOMETHING
JUST HAPPENED
TO BE IN THE
SAVAGE LAND--

--WHICH EXISTED
UNDERNEATH
THE ANTARCTIC
POLAR SHELF!

"haff"
"hock"
"haff"
"WELL,
WHAT DO
YOU KNOW..."



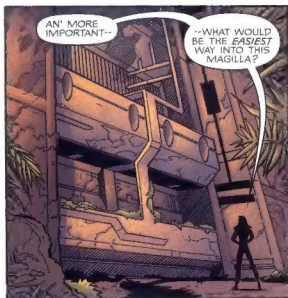


...FINDIN'
THIS PLACE
WASN' SO
HARD AFTER
ALL.

THE TECHNOLOGICAL MARVEL
WAS BUILT BY THE HIGH
EVOLUTIONARY, A SCIENTIST
WHO HAD EVOLVED BEYOND
HUMANITY--

--AND CONTINUED HIS
GENETIC EXPERIMENTS
IN BASES LIKE THIS ONE
HIDDEN ACROSS THE
WORLD.

WHAT WOULD
THIS "NEW SON"
WANT FROM A
BIG MUCKITY-MUCK
LIKE TH' HIGH
EVOLUTIONARY?



AN' MORE
IMPORTANT--

--WHAT WOULD
BE THE EASIEST
WAY INTO THIS
MAGILLA?



REALLY, THE WAY HIS LUCK HAD BEEN RUNNING, WHY SHOULD HE HAVE EXPECTED SOMEONE TO ANSWER--

--WHEN A NICE, MUCK-ENCRUSTED SEWER PIPE WAS AN OPEN INVITATION TO THE FACILITY?

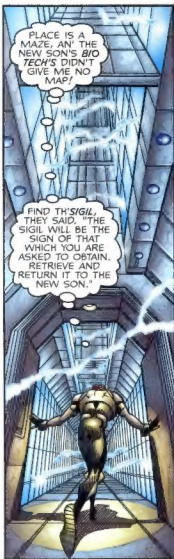
MAN, THESE SAVAGE LAND MUTATES AN' DINOSAURS AN' CAVEMEN HAVE GOT T'CUT DOWN ON THE THAI FOOD!



SOME HIGH EVOLUTIONARY, CAN' EVEN BREED IN A NICE PINE SCENT...

PLACE IS A MAZE, AN' THE NEW SON'S BIO TECH'S DIDN'T GIVE ME NO MAP!

FIND TH'S'GIL, THEY SAID. "THE SIGIL WILL BE THE SIGN OF THAT WHICH YOU ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN, RETRIEVE AND RETURN IT TO THE NEW SON."



GUARDS, EVOLVED INSECTS OF SOME KIND.

SLSSSS



GOOD THING GAMBIT HAS
IN-BRED FLY SWATTER...

BUT THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH
BUGS-- EVEN EVOLVED ONES--

W
A
C
H
O
O
M

THOK

CHAK

SHAKK

--THERE'S ALWAYS SO
MANY OF THEM!

=sigh=



HE DOESN'T
DO THIS
OFTEN...

...BECOME
A FIGHTING
MACHINE.

HE'S A FUN-LOVING
SCOUNDREL BY NATURE.

--A SHADOW
AND A BOLT
OF LIGHTNING--

--NOT ONLY
EXHAUSTS
HIM...

...IT ALSO TENDS TO
BORE HIM AS WELL.

TO BECOME A WHISPER AND
THE ROAR OF THUNDER--

HEY,
THERE'S
TH' SIGIL!

WAIT A
SEC... THAT'S
NOT A
MARKIN' ON

--IT'S A
PLEXIGLASS
VIEWPOINT--

--FISH-LENS
MAGNIFYIN' THE
SIGIL FROM TH'
OTHER SIDE--

SHUNK

I'LL BE
A SHUCKLED
CRAWFISH...

"THE SIGIL WILL
BE THE SIGN..."

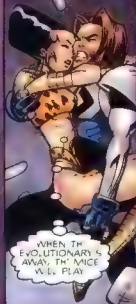
WOULD'VE BEEN NICE IF THOSE
BIO-TECHS HAD BOTHERED TO
MENTION THE "SOMETHING" HE
WAS SUPPOSED TO RETRIEVE--

--WAS ACTUALLY
A "SHE!"

HEY! SHE'S
DROGGY!



IS THIS
SOME SORT
OF SACRIFICIAL
ALTAR?



WHEN THE
EVOLUTIONARY'S
AWAY, THE MICE
WILL PLAY

WHY'AM
I SO DIZZY?
I RED



CAN'T EVEN
STAND



Wah-Oh



Uhm
TIME OUT
GUYS,
OKAY?

KAY BAD
NEWS IS, I'M
SURROUNDED BY
WHAT LOOKS
LIKE A DOZEN
MOTHRAS.

GOOD NEWS?
I'M SO FEVERISH,
MAYBE I'M SEEN'
DOUBLE

THE RAIN EVOLVES INTO A
HOLLOW ECHO IN HIS EAR

LIKE THE CHILDHOOD
CALLS FROM TANTE
MATTIE TELLING HIM TO
COME INSIDE BECAUSE
DINNER WAS READY

A SOUND
HEARD,
BUT EASILY
IGNORED

UNTIL THE BUZZ
BECOMES A
WHISPER...

YOU DON'T
NEED HER,
REMY

THE WHISPER
BECOMES A SHOUT

WE MADE
A DEAL! YOU
BELONG TO
ME AND NO
ONE ELSE!

AND THE
SHOUT
BECOMES
A SCREAM!

THE MUTATED
GUARDS ARE
INCINERATED
BY THE BLAST.

YOU
ARE MINE,
REMY
LeBEAU!

WITHOUT
ME, YOU WOULD
HAVE DIED OF
STARVATION IN THE
FRIGID ANTARCTIC
WASTES!

I SAVED
YOUR LIFE!





AND YOU
NEED NO
ONE ELSE
BUT ME...
EVER.

YOU
YOU'RE A
PERSON?

I THOUGHT -
WHEN WE MADE THE
DEAL - WHEN I LET
YOU INTO MY BODY
I GIVE ME ENOUGH
ENERGY TO SURVIVE
WITHOUT FOOD--



THAT
I WAS SOME KIND
OF LOOSE SENTIENT
ENERGY?

WELL,
PERHAPS I
AM THAT,
MY LOVE

BUT ALSO
SO MUCH
MORE.

DON'T
FORGET,
REMY...
NO OTHER
WOMAN HAS
DONE FOR
YOU WHAT
I HAVE



AND NO
OTHER MAN
COULD DO FOR
ME WHAT YOU
WILL...

WITH THAT, SHE--
IT-- IS GONE,
BACK INSIDE
GAMBIT'S BODY.

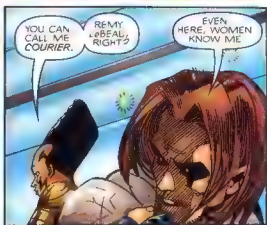
A QUESTION, LIKE
SO MANY OTHERS
IN HIS LIFE, WHICH
WILL HAVE TO WAIT
FOR AN ANSWER--



--IN FAVOR
OF MORE
IMMEDIATE
CONCERNS

Ooohh...
WERE YOU
TALKING TO ME?

Non. GLAD
TO SEE YOL
WERE SPARED,
MS. ?



YOU CAN
CALL ME
COURIER.

REMY,
OBEY, RIGHT?

EVEN
HERE, WOMEN
KNOW ME



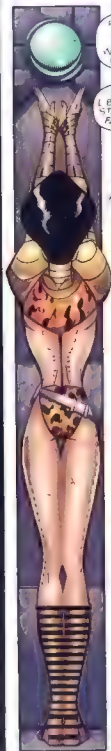
I'M PART
OF AN ELITE
INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE

IN MY LINE
OF WORK, IT
PAYS TO KNOW
THE DEEP

AND YOU'RE
WORKING FOR
THIS NEW SON
CHARACTER
TOO?

HAVE BEEN
FOR A COUPLE
OF MONTHS.
NEVER MET HIM
OR HER.

IT'S
A LONG
STORY



RIGHT NOW
I HAVE TO
RETRIEVE
WHAT I CAME
HERE FOR

BEFORE
I BECAME A
STAND IN FOR
FAY WRAY

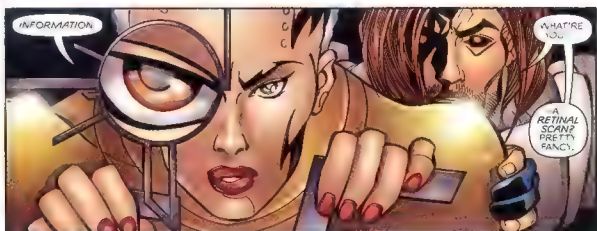
THAT
THE LOOK
INTERNATIONAL
MESSENGERS ARE
WEARING
NOWADAYS?

I PREFER ABUD,
BUT I GAVE MYSELF A
LOOK THAT WOULD ALLOW
ME TO INTEGRATE
AMONG THE RESIDENTS
HERE

BUT
JOSEPH ABUD
DESIGNS MEN'S
CLOTHES?

NEVER
MIND

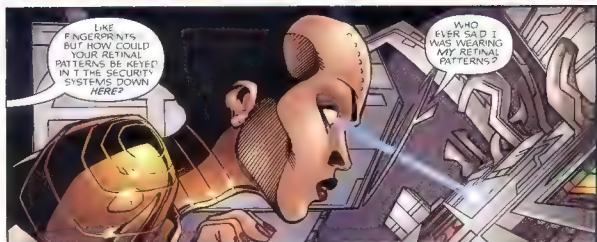
WHAT'RE
YOU HERE
TO GET?



INFORMATION.

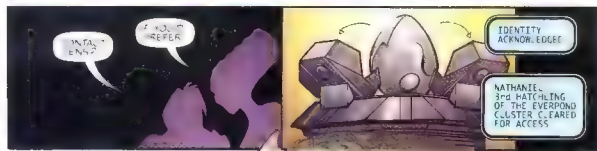
WHAT'RE YOU

A RETINAL SCAN? PRETTY FANCY.



LIKE FINGERPRINTS, BUT HOW COULD YOUR RETINAL PATTERNS BE KEYS IN THE SECURITY SYSTEMS DOWN HERE?

WHO EVER SAID I WAS WEARING MY RETINAL PATTERNS?

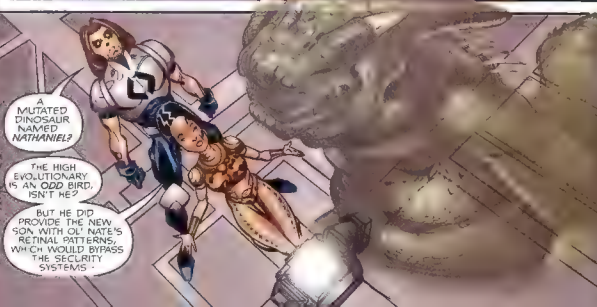


INTA' ENA?

I DON'T REFER

IDENTITY
ACKNOWLEDGE

NATHANIEL,
3rd HATCHLING
OF THE EVERPOND
CLUSTER CLEARED
FOR ACCESS



A MUTATED DINOSAUR NAMED NATHANIEL?

THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY IS AN ODD BIRD, ISN'T HE?

BUT HE DID PROVIDE THE NEW SON WITH OL' NATE'S RETINAL PATTERNS, WHICH WOULD BYPASS THE SECURITY SYSTEMS.

-WHICH
WOULD GET
ME THIS!

WHAT
IS IT?

THE
COMPLETE PRO-
GRAMS FOR BUILDING
A TERRAFORMER
SIMILAR TO THE ONE
USED TO CREATE THE
SAVAGE LAND

AN' WHY
WOULD SOMEONE
AS... ODD... AS TH'
EVOLUTIONARY GIVE
THAT INFO 'T THIS
NEW SON
CHARACTER?

SCIENTIFIC
CURIOSITY,
MAYBE?

SLSS

WHAT IS THE
PROBLEM?

I JUST
CAN'T LET
YOU WALK
OUT WIT'
THAT
THING

BECAUSE YOU
DON'T TRUST IT
WILL BE PUT TO
GOOD USE?

I PUT YOU ON
THE NEW SON'S
LIST OF POTENTIAL
RECRUITS BECAUSE
I THOUGHT TRUST
ISSUES WOULD BE
YOUR LAST
CONCERN'

WE HAVE
TWO WAYS TO
GO ON THIS

YOU CAN ACCEPT
THE NEW SON'S
GOALS ARE FOR
PEACE ON
EARTH--

-HARMONY
BETWEEN
MUTANTS AND
HUMANS, BLACKS
AND WHITES -
EVERYONE,
EVERYWHERE-

-WHICH
IS WHAT THE
X MEN'S
GOAL IS ALL
ABOUT,
RIGHT?

OR WE
CAN DEPOSIT
YOU NECK
DEEP BACK IN
THE SNOW?

HE KNOWS THIS
WILL MIRE HIM
ONCE AGAIN
IN LIES AND
DECEPTIONS.

BUT WHAT IF IT
REALLY IS THE
PURSUIT OF A
GREATER GOOD?

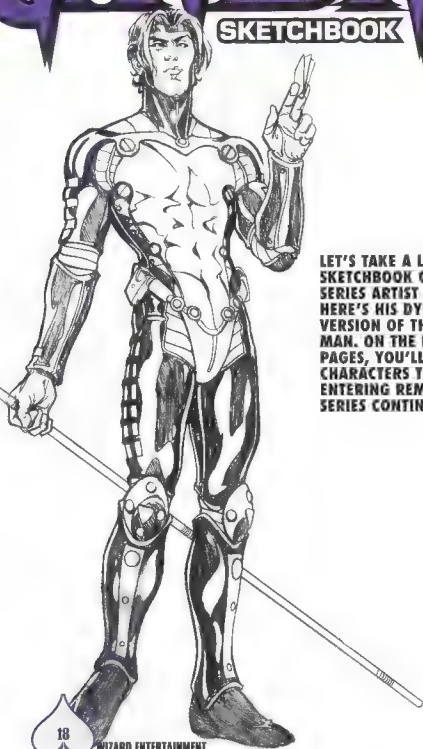
WHAT DOES
GAMBIT DO
THEN ?

TO FIND OUT, READ THE
MONTHLY GAMBIT SERIES
BY FABIAN NICIEZA AND
STEVE SKROCE--
ON SALE RIGHT NOW!

BIGWILIS
WICK

GAMBIT

SKETCHBOOK



LET'S TAKE A LOOK INTO THE SKETCHBOOK OF *GAMBIT* SERIES ARTIST STEVE SKROCE. HERE'S HIS DYNAMITE VERSION OF THE CAJUN X-MAN. ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, YOU'LL SEE CHARACTERS THAT WILL BE ENTERING REMY'S LIFE AS THE SERIES CONTINUES.

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THE MENG0 BROTHERS

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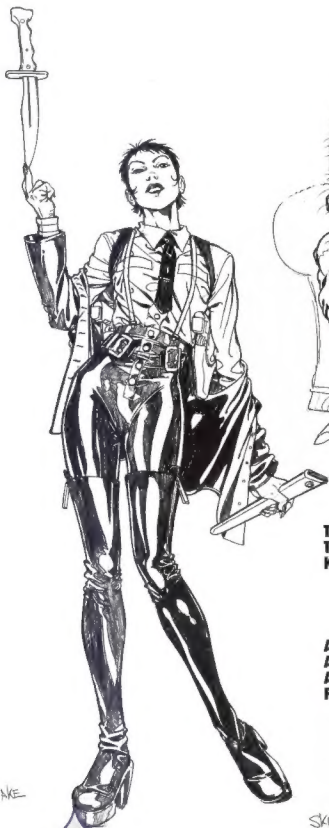
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